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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEB 19 - 22, 1977

1. U.S. COVERAGE:

-- AUTHORITATIVE PRAVDA "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN (FEB 20) CARRIES FIRST DIRECT CRITICISM OF NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE OF YULIY YAKHONTOV CONTRASTS ATTITUDES ON ARMS CONTROL AND DETENTE OF CARTER, VANCE AND BREZHEZINSKY WITH "ACTIONS" ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOCIALIST STATES.

--IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA (FEB 19) CARRY TASS WASHINGTON REPORT ABOUT AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN'S CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY HARTMAN TO DRAW THE LATTER'S ATTENTION TO "CERTAIN STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE AMERICAN SIDE," WHICH WERE INCONSISTENT WITH POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND WHICH CONSTITUTED INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNDER THE EXCUSE OF "CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS." THE REPORT SUGGESTED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE, TOO, COULD DISCUSS THE STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE U.S., BUT THIS WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE BILATERAL RELATIONS STILL FURTHER.

--OTHERWISE, THE TREATMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION BY SOVIET MEDIA DURING THE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND CONTINUED ON THE WHOLE TO AVOID DIRECT CRITICISM AND TO PORTRAY THE NEW PRESIDENT AS COMING UNDER THE SAME PRESSURES FROM THE PENTAGON AND MILITARY-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL LOBBY THAT PLAGUED EARLIER PRESIDENTS. THIS WAS THE THRUST OF A COMMENTARY BY V. KOBYSH (IZVESTIYA, FEB 18), WHO RECALLED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CELEBRATED WARNING ON LEAVING OFFICE ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE "MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX" IN AMERICAN LIFE; KOBYSH PRAISED THE SATIRICAL TREATMENT OF THE "SOVIET THREAT" IN THE FILM "THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING," ON FEB 19, PRAVDA DESCRIBED EFFORTS BY PROMINENT AMERICANS, INCLUDING AVERELL HARRIMAN, TO PROMOTE DETENTE AND CONCLUSION OF A SALT AGREEMENT (ABOVE ITEMS SEPTEL).

--IN REPORTING ON THE NEW BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT CARTER, PRAVDA (FEB 22) NOTED THAT IT WAS 2.75 BILLION DOLLARS LESS THAN THE SUM PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT FORD, BUT STILL 7 BILLION MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET. BOTH PRAVDA AND KZ REPORTED HOUSE SPEAKER "TIP" O'NEILL'S STATEMENT THAT THE BUDGET COULD BE CUT STILL FURTHER WITHOUT ANY JEOPARDY TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN (FEB 22)
BY VLADIMIR BOL'SHAKOV DENOUNCES RF AND RFE AS "LOBBYISTS
FOR THE U.S. MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX" FOR SPREADING
LIES ABOUT THE ALLEGED "SOVIET THREAT". (SEPTEL)

2. GENERAL - EUROPE:

HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENSIVE IN ALL CENTRAL MEDIA
CONTINUES AT FULL FORCE.

--IZVESTIYA (FEB 19) CARRIES AN INTERVIEW
WITH SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MANZHAULO ON THE WAS
TRADE BENEFITS DETENTE AND VICE VERSA (SEPTEL).

--KZ'S FEB 20 POL-MIL REVIEW HAS STRONG NEGATIVE
TREATMENT OF RECENT NATO-FRG AGREEMENT ON COMMAND
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STRUCTURES DURING WARTIME (SEPTEL).

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--GDR'S HONEKKER HAS OBSEQUIOUS 60TH ANNIVERSARY
ARTICLE IN PRAVDA (FEB 22) WHICH FAR OUTDOES KADAR'S
OF LAST WEEK IN LENGTH AND FULSOME PRAISE FOR SOVIET
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"EXPERIENCE." SOVIALIST INTERNATIONALISM GETS HONEKKER'S
FULL SUPPORT.

3. MIDDLE EAST:

--BIG M.E. ITEM IS FEB 19 PRAVDA EDITORIAL
BLAST AT ONGOING PUBLICATION OF ARE PRESIDENT SADAT'S
"MEMORIRS." AS PRAVDA SAYS MEMOIRS ARE BUILT IN LIES,
SLANDER, AND FALSIFICATIONS" AND ARE INTENDED BY SADAT
TO MAKE POOR RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND EGYPT
EVEN WORSE (SEPTTEL). IN OTHER COVERAGE OF EGYPTIAN
EVENTS, FEB 21 IZVESTIYA ARTICLE BY R. MOSEYEV DESCRIBES DIRTY
METHODS OF EGYPTIANS SECURITY ORGANS" IN FALSIFYING
CHARGES AGAINST COMMUNISTS FOR ROLE IN JANUARY EVENTS.
FEB 20 KZ REPORTS CRITICAL STATEMENT OF COP SYRIA ON
EGYPTIAN REGIME'S HANDLING OF JANUARY EVENTS.

--FEB 22 PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS WASHINGTON
REPORT ON SECRETARY'S M.E. TRIP. CITING U.S. PRESS,
ARTICLE EMPHASIZES U.S. FAILURE TO GET PROCESS OF M.E.
SETTLEMENT MOVING, LACK OF CHANGE IN ISRAELI POSITION,
AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG "MAJORITY OF ARAB LEADERS"
FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF TEL AVIV. ONLY EGYPT IS EXCEPTION,
SAYS ARTICLE, CITING "COLUMNISTS' OPINION" THAT THIS IS
DUE TO SADAT'S "DEEP GRATITUDE" TO WASHINGTON FOR
OBTAINING SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT.

--CRITICAL COVERAGE OF CLIFFORD TRIP TO GREECE,
TURKEY AND CYPRUS IS EXEMPLIFIED BY B. DROHKOV ARTICLE

IN FEB 19 PRAVDA. DROBKOV SAYS CLIFFORD INTENT IS TO TRANSFORM TWO SEPARATE PROBLEMS (CYPRUS AND GREECE-TURKEY DIFFERENCES) INTO SINGLE PROBLEM SOLUBLE WITHIN NATO FAMILY. ONE IDEA IN THIS CONTEXT, HE ADDS, IS TO TRANSFER BRITISH SOVERIGN BASE AREAS TO NATO OR U.S. CONTROL. SIMILAR REPORT IS CARRIED AS "PRESS-SERVICE IZVESTIYA" ITEM IN FEB 21 IZVESTIYA. FEB 21 PRAVDA REPORTS POLITBURO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AKEL POSITIVE STATEMENT ON RESULT OF MAKARIOUS-DENKTASH TALKS. AKEL GIVES CREDIT TO STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE, UN RESOLUTIONS, AND "FIRM POSITION" OF SOVIET UNION, BUT U.S. IS NOT MENTIONED. FEB 18 IZVESTIYA AND FEB 19 KZ HAVE TASS ATHENS REPORT ON CLIFFORD VISIT TO GREECE WHERE HE REPORTEDLY PUSHED FOR GREATER UTILIZATION OF U.S. BASES IN GREECE AND FOR GREEK RETURN TO MILITARY ORGANIZATION OF NATO.

--FEB 20 KZ REPORTS OFFICIAL JORDANIAN DENIAL OF WP CHARGES OF CIA PAYMENTS TO KING HUSSEIN.

--FEB 19 KZ HAS LONG ARTICLE BY L. KORNEYEV ON ISRAELI "GARRISON STATE". FEB 20 PRAVDA CITES RABIN ON U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL.

4. AFRICA:

--A. KRIVOPALOV IN FEB 21 IZVESTIYA "REBUTS" BRITISH "LIE" ABOUT SOVIET AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TRADE WITH RHODESIA BY ATTACKING LONG STANDING WESTERN (ESPECIALLY OIL COMPANY AND BYRD AMENDMENT) CIRCUMVENTION OF UN SANCTIONS.

--SEVERAL ARTICLES (FEB 20 PRAVDA AND KZ) PICK UP RECENT WP ARTICLES ON U.S. AND WESTERN ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY. FEB 22 PRAVDA REPORTS GHANA DAILY GRAPHIC CHARGE THAT ASSURANCES OF WESTERN STATES IN THIS REGARD DO NOT FOOL ANYBODY. V. KOROVNIKOV IN FEB 21 PRAVDA DESCRIBES ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES (OFTEN SUBSIDIARIES OF WESTERN MONOPOLIES) AND DICTATORIAL REGIMES OF LATIN AMERICA (ESPECIALLY PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY). GOAL IS TO CREATE A MILITARY-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC UNION, ON IDEA SUPPORTED BY "SOME STAFFS AND GENERALS" OF NATO COUNTRIES.

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--FEB 21 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY
VALERIY VOLKOV NOTES RECENT MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADORS ANDREW
YOUNG AND IVOR RICHARD AT WHICH THE TWO WERE FORCED TO ADMIT
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FAILURE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO SETTLE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.
VOLKOV SAYS WEST HAS BY NO MEANS DONE ALL IT COULD TO
MOVE SMITH TOWARD SERIOUS NEGOTIATION.

--FEB 21 PRAVDA HAS TASS ADDIS ABABA REPORT
BASED ON ETHIOPIAN HERALD ARTICLE CALLING FOR
CRETION OF REVOLUTIONARY PARTY LED BY PRINCIPLES OF
MARXISM-LENINISM, FOR ORGANIZATION OF "MARXIST CELLS"
IN VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF SOVIETY (INCLUDING MILITARY
UNITS), AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED FRONT TO
OPPOSE INTRIGUES OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REACTION.

5. ASIA:

--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN (FEB 19)
BY VYACHESLAV RAZUVAYEV, DESCRIBES THE NEW SOVIET-
NORTH KOREAN TRADE PROTOCOL, LISTING THE MAIN ITEMS TO
BE EXCHANGED AND DESCRIBING THE TRADE AS "MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL." THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE 60 SOVIET-BUILT
FACILITIES IN NORTH KOREA HAVE "IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE"
FOR THAT COUNTRY'S ECONOMY. THE ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS,
IN THE FIRST FOLLOW-UP COMMENTARY WE HAVE NOTED IN SOVIET
MEDIA, THAT DPRK PREMIER PAK SONG CHOL'S RECENT MOSCOW
VISIT HAD UNDERLINED THE "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" OF SOVIET-
NORTH KOREAN TIES. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, NO DESCRIPTION
OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT.

--ON SOUTH KOREAN-JAPAN RELATIONS, PRAVDA'S
LETYSHEV WRITES FROM TOKYO (FEB 20) ABOUT ALLEGED SUPPORT
IN JAPAN FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF ROK MILITARY POTENTIAL
AND FOR BUILDING THREE-WAY COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN,
SOUTH KOREA AND THE U.S. THE ARTICLE MENTIONS PRESS
STORIES THAT FORMER PREMIER KISHI WAS "SUBSIDIZED" BY THE
KCIA, AND CITES IN SUPPORT A STATEMENT BY FORMER
STATE DEPARTMENT KOREAN DESK OFFICER RANARD. IZVESTIYA'S
BANDURA (FEB 21) ALSO CITES RANARD IN REPORTING ALLEGED
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KCIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE KIM TAE CHUNG KIDNAPPING.

--ON CHINA, AL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS (FEB 19)
CARRY A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM CITING "OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES" ON PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE U.S.-
PRC FINANCIAL CLAIMS PROBLEMS, NOTING THAT THE SUMS
INVOLVED COME TO \$196.9 MILLION FOR THE U.S. AND \$76.5
MILLION FOR PRC. ALSO ON CHINA, PRAVDA (FEB 20)
CARRIES A TASS NEW YORK ITEM REPLAYING AN AP STORY THAT
PICTURES OF FORMER PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HAU

IN CHINA PICTORIAL HAD BEEN CROSSED OUT.

6. LATIN AMERICA:

--FEB 21 IZVESTIYA HAS A LONG ARTICLE BY
L. KAMYNIN ON VENEZUELAN SUCCESS IN NATIONALIZING ITS
OIL AND STEEL INDUSTRIES.

--FEB 19 PRAVDA HAS TASS BUENOS AIRES ARTICLE
REFUTING STATEMENT BY PARAGUAYAN MINISTER OF
INTERIAOR THAT RECENTLY FREED CP PARAGUARY LEADERS ENJOY
"COMPLETE FREEDOM".
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